

**RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION**

APPLICANTS: Hurst and Crongeyor; SN: 09/102,543; FILED: June 22, 1998

EX: R. C. Watson; AU 3723; ATTY DOCKET: MEE-0026935-010

a first clamp member for coupling with the support structure, said first clamp member having clamped and unclamped states;

a second clamp member for coupling with the work article, said second clamp member having clamped and unclamped states;

a tube portion coupled to a selected one of said first and second clamp members;

a shaft portion coupled to the other of said first and second clamp members, said shaft portion being accommodated coaxially within said tube portion, and terminated at an end portion thereof distal from the selected one of said first and second clamp members with a corresponding transverse ramp portion;

an expansion portion arranged coaxially with said shaft portion within said tube portion, said expansion portion having a further transverse ramp portion, the further transverse ramp portion of said expansion portion and the corresponding transverse ramp portion of the end portion of said shaft portion being arranged to communicate with each other; and

elongated means for engaging with said expansion portion and applying an axial force thereto, whereby upon the application of the axial force, said expansion portion is urged transaxially against an interior surface of said tube portion, and the selected one of said first and second clamp members simultaneously is urged into the clamped state.

2 β. (Amended) The work holder arrangement of claim [2] 1, wherein said expansion portion is engaged with said elongated means, and the axial force applied thereto is responsive to a displacement of said elongated means with respect to said expansion portion.